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## FMB Votes Transkei Work

# Uganda, India To Receive Development, Relief Funds

RICHMOND, Va. (BP) — To meet needs on a large scale, the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board voted to send more than \$715,000 to finance relief work in six countries.

More than half the funds — over \$380,000 — will go to Uganda, the East African nation where religious freedom is being restored in the wake of fighting that deposed President Idi Amin.

Another \$300,000 will finance a major community development project in India. The 3- to 5-year program will be administered by the Baptist Hospital in Bangalore.

The actions came at a meeting May 8 in which the board appointed 15 missionaries, employed three special project medical workers, and approved 12 Mission Service Corps personnel and six long-term volunteers. It also moved to open work in Transkei, a tribal homeland within the borders of South Africa. But Transkei will not be added officially to the 94 countries and territories where Southern Baptists have work until personnel are assigned there.

Relief appropriations were the largest since 1975, when \$729,194 was sent to Bangladesh to aid victims of the 1974 flood which left 15 million homeless and millions hungry.

The board also approved \$42,000 from other funds for projects related

to the relief and rehabilitation work in Eastern Uganda. Of this amount, \$30,000 will be used to send a team of Swahili-speaking volunteers to help distribute aid in the area where Baptist work was strongest before Amin

banned Baptists and 26 other religious groups in 1977.

The other \$12,000 will pay for printing of 100,000 posters emphasizing Christian themes that will be distributed.

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## Three Churches Ask For Specific Help

Three Hinds-Madison-Association churches have indicated interest in getting help in making flood damage repairs to homes of members.

David Myers, Christian social ministries director for the association, is acting as go-between for the churches and needed crews. Myers reported to the Baptist Record that other churches may have needs that could be filled by volunteers coming in at specified times to help. Paul Harrell of the state Brotherhood Department is making referrals across the state.

Colonial Heights Baptist Church in Jackson needs help May 26-June 1, and is asking for five crews of 6-8 men per crew to hang sheetrock. June 2-8, the church needs five crews of 6-8 men to hang sheetrock and another five crews of 6-8 men to finish sheetrock.

Then June 9-15, the church needs five crews of 6-8 men each to hang sheetrock and five crews of 6-8 men each to finish sheetrock.

Broadmoor Baptist Church in Jackson needs three sets of volunteer work crews on five weekends. They will need crews of 3-6 men each to work as painters, sheetrock hangers and finishers, and as cabinet makers. These three sets of skills will be needed June 1-2, June 8-9, June 15-16, June 22-23, and June 29-30.

Woodland Hills Baptist Church (Continued on Page 2)

(When In Houston)

## Pick Up Hitchhikers Wearing White Shoes

HOUSTON, Texas (BP) — Messengers to the 134th Southern Baptist Convention in Houston, June 12-14, are being urged by local committee and convention planners to go the extra mile in cooperating despite difficult parking and transportation problems in Houston.

During the daytime, parking will not exist when messengers converge on the Summit for sessions on the morning and afternoon of Tuesday, June 12; the morning of Wednesday, June 13; and the morning and afternoon of Thursday, June 14.

Tim Hedquist, convention manager and assistant to the treasurer of the SBC Executive Committee, said sheets of information will be available at check-in at 39 convention hotels to help messengers work out transportation.

He said the convention has established a hotline number in Houston — 850-0735 — for persons who get confused about travel and need help. The hotline will be open Monday, June 11, 1 p.m. - 9 p.m.; Tuesday, 7 a.m. - 9 p.m.; and Wednesday and Thursday, 8 a.m. - 9 p.m.

"The glut of Houston traffic allows absolutely no parking at the Summit before 6 p.m.," Hedquist said. He urges messengers to observe that regulation to avoid being towed by the city. He said buses will run continuously from 7:30 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. each day and will be numbered and color-

## Carey Elects Morgan Music School Dean

A new dean of the William Carey College School of Music was named by the college's board of trustees during their

regular spring meeting. John G. Morgan, a member of the faculty at Mercer University in Atlanta, will assume the position on July 1.

Morgan succeeds Donald Winters, who has become

dean emeritus of the school. Chairman of the department of music at Carey since 1956, Winters will remain on the faculty.

A native Texan, Morgan earned the bachelor of music education and the master of music degrees from Baylor University, Waco. He completed his doctor of musical arts degree at the University of Southern California. Both his master's degree and his doctorate emphasize church music.

Morgan brings nine years' teaching experience to his new position, having been on the faculty of Colorado University, Denver, for three years before going to Mercer. His special interests lie in church music, choral conducting, choral arranging, music history and literature, and performance.

An accomplished performer, Morgan has been guest soloist with the Bricco Symphony in Denver, guest soloist and lecturer for the Musician's Society of Denver, principal soloist with the Boulder (Colo.) Opera Company, and a soloist with the Atlanta Symphony. In 1973 he was soloist with Robert Shaw at the American Choral Directors Association national convention.

In addition, he has conducted numerous major choral works, including (Continued on Page 5)

## Hardy Rejects Candidacy For Brotherhood Post

The search committee seeking a new executive director for the Southern Baptist Brotherhood Commission was faced with starting all over when the committee's candidate withdrew his name from consideration prior to the May 16-18 commissioners' meeting.

The five member search committee was elected last November to recommend a successor to Glendon McCullough, who was killed in an automobile accident last year.

The candidate was to have been William E. Hardy, Jr., minister of education at First Baptist Church, Columbus, Miss. His nomination as executive director was approved unanimously by the search committee on March 11

and by the commission's executive committee on April 19.

Hardy had served as chairman of the Brotherhood Commission, 1976-78. He was elected last November as chairman of the search committee, but withdrew from that post when the committee began to consider him as a possible nominee.

At the opening session of the meeting on Wednesday night of last week, Jack Deligans, acting chairman of the search committee, told the trustees that earlier in the day Hardy had asked "that his name not be presented to the commissioners for consideration at this time."

The trustees formally accepted (Continued on Page 2)

More than 500 Mississippi Baptist Families Were Left Homeless by the Easter flood.

Relief Offering Is June 3.

Give Through Your Church.

## Some Mississippians Can Stay Home And See An SBC Service

HOUSTON, Texas (BP) — Growing enthusiasm points to a record breaking attendance at the Bold Mission Thrust Rally in Houston's Astrodome, June 13, which will travel via two satellites to locations all over the country, according to Southern Baptist Convention President Jimmy R. Allen.

The rally, scheduled as the Wednesday evening session of the 134th SBC annual meeting, will be fed to Western Union's Westar I and RCA's Satcom I "to maximize the number of earth stations which can receive and relay the signal," said Robert Taylor, the SBC Radio and TV Commission vice president

coordinating technical arrangements.

Billed by Allen as the first time in history that a convention session of a Christian group has been carried via satellite and electronic media simultaneously to many points across the United States, the rally has attracted growing attention.

Mississippians will have five ways to view the two-hour dedication service. First, they can travel to Houston's Astrodome to be there in person. Or they can see the program on two of Mississippi's cable television channels.

Or they can attend special rallies at two Mississippi Baptist churches during which the Houston service will be shown on large screen televisions set up especially for the rallies.

Meridian's TV Selection System will show the service live 7-9 p.m. Eastern time over its channel 12 and Jackson's Capitol Cablevision will show the program on channel 10. Any local cable subscriber may watch from his home.

These two cable companies are also providing hook-ups directly into Meridian's First Baptist Church and Jackson's Broadmoor Baptist Church, respectively, for the rallies.

Satellite rallies have been scheduled in at least a dozen cities; which may attract about 75,000 persons to large screen presentations from the extravaganza in the Astrodome. It will also be screened at numerous churches and on a variety of commercial and cable TV outlets as Southern Baptists dedicate 1,100 missionaries.

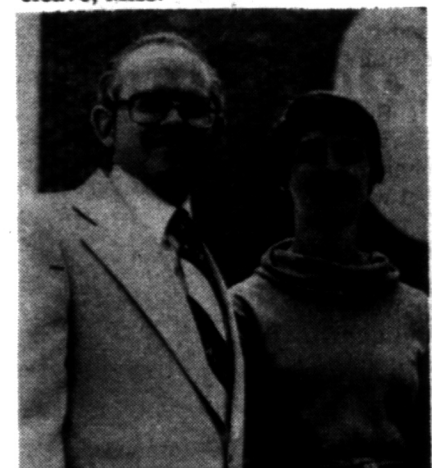
Allen, who has spearheaded the effort, hopes to fill the 57,000-seat Astrodome itself with persons who have come to see Southern Baptists focus the eyes and ears of the world on

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## Felix Greers Named To Foreign Missions

RICHMOND, Va. — Mr. and Mrs. Felix V. Greer, Jr., were among 18 persons named missionaries by the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board at its May meeting in Richmond, Va.

They will work in Liberia, where he will be a seminary teacher and she will be a church and home worker. He is pastor of First Baptist Church, Vancleave, Miss.



Felix and Dene Greer

A native of New Orleans, La., Greer also lived in Baton Rouge, La., and Vicksburg, Clinton, and Jackson, Miss., while growing up. He received the bachelor of arts degree from Mississippi College, Clinton, and the master of theology and doctor of ministry degrees from New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary.

While in college, Greer was interim pastor of Bethlehem Baptist Church, Simpson County, Miss., and pastor of Beech Grove Baptist Church, Patti, Miss. He also served as interim pastor of Central Baptist Church, Little Yazoo, Miss., and pastor of Trinity Baptist Church, Hammond, La. Greer was named to Outstanding Young Men of America in 1977.

Mrs. Greer, the former Waldine (Dene) Brummett of Jackson, received the bachelor of science degree from the University of Southern Mississippi, Hattiesburg. She served as a Home Mission Board summer missionary in California and has taught in Natalbany, Ponchatoula, and Albany, La.

They have two sons: Jonathan Alan, born in 1972, and Jason Andrew, 1975.

— A President Reviews His Term —

## Allen Fears Shift In SBC Priorities From Missions

EDITOR'S NOTE: SBC President Jimmy R. Allen, in an interview with WORLD MISSION JOURNAL editor Jim Newton for Baptist Press, reviews and reflects on his last two years as president of the Southern Baptist Convention. Allen ends his term as convention president on June 14, 1979.

By Jim Newton

SAN ANTONIO, Tex. (BP) — "God has given Southern Baptists a unique opportunity to become the flash point in starting fires of spiritual awakening that could sweep across the nation and around the world," declared Jimmy Allen as he looked back over his two years as president of the Southern Baptist Convention.

"We've just got to do it," he said emotionally. "If we don't respond, God will have to raise up someone else and we (Southern Baptists) will end up on the junk pile of discarded instruments that God is unable to use," declared the pastor of the 9,000-member First Baptist Church of San Antonio.

At another point during a two-hour interview, Allen expressed quiet fears that the priorities of the denomination might be shifted from the SBC's Bold Mission Thrust plan to proclaim the gospel to every person in the

world by the year 2000 to the issue of biblical infallibility and inerrancy.

"There are those who would like to change the agenda of the convention from missions to orthodoxy," he said.

"Such a shift of emphasis would be tragic because it would make us miss God's initiatives at a time when we are in a unique position to become a flash point in spiritual awakening," he said.

Allen acknowledged that conservatives within the denomination, spearheaded by Houston Judge Paul Pressler and Criswell Bible Center President Paige Patterson of Dallas, have organized efforts to elect a new SBC President they feel would be committed to "biblical inerrancy," and to introduce and adopt a motion or resolution on biblical inerrancy. Allen said they have not disclosed who their candidate will be.

"My only apprehension," Allen said, is creating an atmosphere at the convention resulting in an erosion of trust in denominational leadership, and in shifting the denomination's priorities from evangelism and missions to biblical inerrancy.

Missions and evangelism have been Allen's number one priorities as convention president during the past two years.

During his term of office, Allen has poured his physical, emotional and spiritual energies into pushing Southern Baptists' Bold Mission Thrust plan to proclaim the gospel to the entire world by the year 2000.

It has been his all-consuming passion. Everywhere he has gone, Allen has challenged Southern Baptists to get involved personally in missions, especially through the SBC's new Mission Service Corps.

Frequently, Allen has talked about his "mandate" as convention president to launch Mission Service Corps, the plan to enlist and involve 5,000 volunteer missionaries to serve for one or two years alongside career home and foreign missionaries.

As president of the 13.2 million-member convention, the largest Protestant religious group in the nation, Allen has dealt with other concerns and issues, but missions has been the major thrust of his administration.

During the interview, Allen reflected on his experiences as convention president, and the issues he has tried to face squarely.

He recalled dealing with such issues as religious freedom in Israel, world hunger, nuclear disarmament, peace in the Middle East, relations with mainland China, and television morality.

One of the high moments of his terms of office as president was meeting with Israel's Prime Minister Menachem Begin to talk about peace in the Middle East and his concern over religious liberty in Israel.

Within a month after Allen's visit to Israel, Minister of Justice Shmuel Tamir issued a new official interpretation of Israel's controversial "anti-bribery law" stating that the law was never intended to limit religious freedom.

While "we did not win a major victory" by having the law repealed outright, Baptists did send a "major signal" to Israel on the subject of religious liberty, Allen said shortly after the new ruling was announced.

Trends Set Concerns Allen observed that some of the issues on his agenda of concerns as president of the convention have been set, not by Southern Baptists or by the president, but by trends in society and in the world.

"I've been concerned about the issues of world hunger and economic justice and the sheer survival of millions of people in the Third World," Allen said.

In response to these issues, Allen observed that the SBC took significant steps forward during the national convocation on world hunger sponsored by six SBC agencies last

November at Ridgecrest, N. C. Allen was the closing speaker for the convocation.

Although he was not able to attend because of a schedule conflict, Allen said the SBC also made significant progress in dealing with the nuclear disarmament issue as a result of a nuclear disarmament conference at Louisville, Ky., in February. Allen was interviewed on the subject at a conference sponsored by the Arkansas Christian Life Commission.

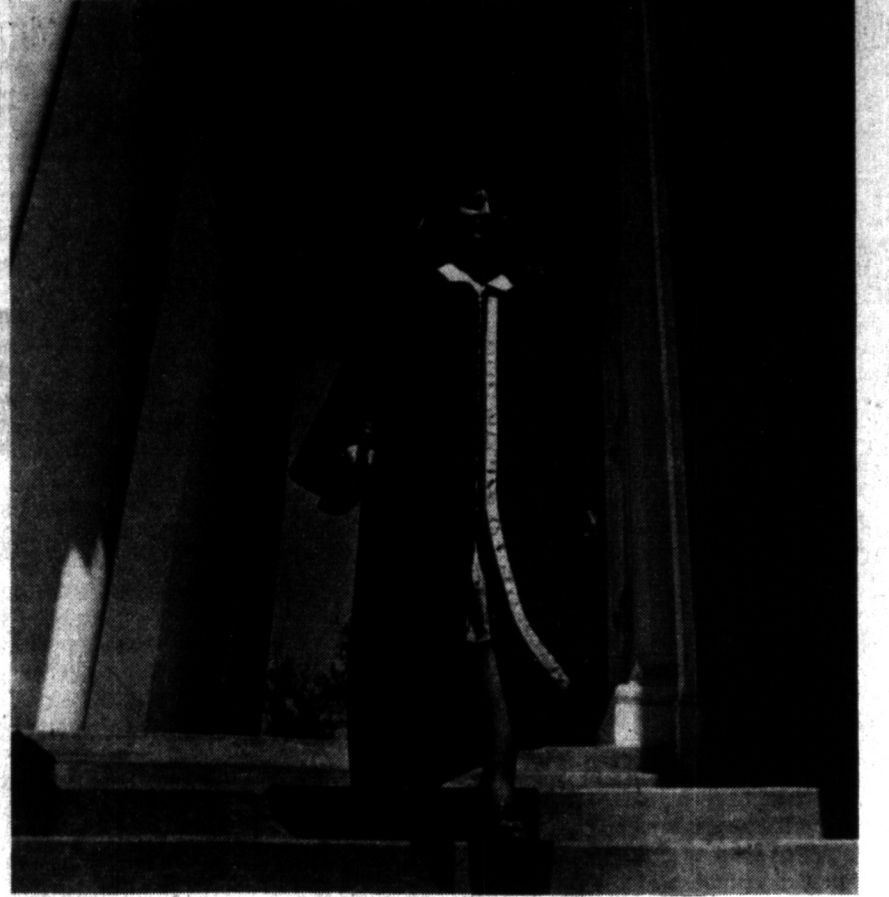
When he met with Prime Minister Begin, Allen advised the Israeli leader to have "the patience of Job" in the pursuit of peace in the Middle East, and assured him that Southern Baptists were praying for both Begin and Egyptian President Anwar Sadat.

In addition to his meeting with the Israeli Prime Minister, Allen and two other SBC leaders met in March with the new U. S. ambassador from the People's Republic of China, expressing Southern Baptist interest in sharing the gospel with people in mainland China.

Allen said the group was "politely received" and that they were told Chinese officials would

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The Big Step

The graduation step is a big time for thousands of seniors in high schools and colleges across the country. Congratulations to the graduates of the four Mississippi Baptist colleges: Clarke College, Blue Mountain College, William Carey College, and Mississippi College. (Photo by Mark Sandlin)



# Uganda, India To Receive Development, Relief Funds

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played in schools, government offices and dispensaries.

The volunteer team includes two former East Africa missionaries — Jimmie D. Hooten and Charles A. Tope, now a member of the Foreign Mission Board — and six college-age MKs (missionary kids), who also speak Swahili, the common language of many East African tribes.

The team will use a five-ton truck and three vans which will help distribute relief goods in the eastern sector. These vehicles will be purchased and operated through a \$140,000 appropriation approved by the board.

The truck will haul supplies from the Kenyan port of Mombasa to Jinja, an urban center in Eastern Uganda. From that point the vans will take the supplies out to the villages. Unless fuel for such vehicles becomes available in Uganda, it will be shipped in along with other supplies. Baptist churches will be distribution points for the relief items.

Two Southern Baptist missionary couples, Mr. and Mrs. G. Webster Carroll and Mr. and Mrs. James L. Rice, continued work in Uganda even after

Baptist churches were banned and now are leading in the plans for the relief and rehabilitation projects.

Carroll, who went to Uganda only a year after the country gained independence from Britain, has worked closely with leaders of the new Ugandan government, including President Yussufu K. Lule, in developing the plans.

Rice, summarizing the country's needs in a recent newsletter, said, "Uganda has had eight years of difficult, harsh days. The land needs to be flooded with the beauty of the Lord's healing. We must infuse the people with love, kindness, joy, forgiveness, and purity — all from Christ."

A large part of the relief appropriations, \$231,429, will help provide agricultural supplies to be distributed to villagers through the churches. The money will provide 10,000 hoes, 10,000 pangas (large knives used in clearing land), 5,000 slashers for cutting grass, 5,000 axes, 10,000 hand pumps for spraying crops, 2,000 bags of fertilizer and a variety of other agricultural supplies.

From general relief funds, \$10,000 was voted for repair and reconstruction of churches. Carroll said at least 12 churches were damaged or de-

stroyed. The money will go primarily for roofing supplies. Village churches usually have walls made of native mud-construction and metal or thatch roofs.

Missionaries and Baptist workers from neighboring Kenya will join with Uganda missionaries and Baptist leaders helping to restore work in Uganda. The Kenya teams will take turns teaching in all five Baptist Bible schools where Ugandan church leaders are trained. The Ugandan missionaries also have requested eight more career missionaries and seven volunteers to take advantage of evangelistic opportunities.

Former missionary Hooten, now minister of outreach of First Baptist Church in Dallas, Texas, will accompany the six missionary kids to Uganda in June. Hooten will stay at least six weeks and the MKs for 10. Tope, pastor of Northwest Baptist Church, Oklahoma City, will go out later in the summer and stay at least a month.

The India community development program, although supervised by hospital personnel, also will depend heavily upon availability of additional missionaries and volunteers.

It will begin with feasibility studies

and emphasize such aspects as food production, assistance with livestock, training for cottage industries and handicraft production, literacy training, disease prevention, sanitation and hygiene instruction, and training of village health workers.

W. Eugene Grubbs, the board's consultant for laymen overseas and relief ministries, said the type of major projects approved in May are now possible because of Southern Baptists' generous giving for relief ministries. More than \$1 million was given for hunger relief alone in the last four months of 1978, and another half million dollars has been given thus far in 1979.

Smaller relief ministry projects also were approved for work in the Philippines, Argentina, St. Vincent and the Dominican Republic.

The missionaries appointed in a special service included Mr. and Mrs. John G. Bane III of North Carolina, to Italy; Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth H. Beck, New Jersey and Pennsylvania respectively, to Ghana; Mr. and Mrs. E. Carson Brisson, North Carolina, to Israel; Mr. and Mrs. H. Wayne Dunn, North Carolina, to Windward Island; Donald D. Gardner, Texas, to Hong Kong/Macao; Mr. and Mrs. Felix V. Greer Jr., Louisiana and Mississippi, to Liberia; Dr. and Mrs. Victor D. Norman, Alabama, to Colombia; and Mr. and Mrs. Marvin R. Wright, Delaware, to France.

The Dunns and Becks were employed as missionary associates. Approved as special project medical workers were Dr. and Mrs. Kenneth P. Haywood, Kentucky, to Ghana, and Doris (Mrs. Ebb T.) Hudson, Louisiana, to Jordan.

## Churches Ask

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needs several crews to finish sheetrock this weekend (May 26.)

All potential volunteers need to contact the individual church or Myers' office to confirm their coming and the need before coming. Myers may be reached at 362-8672.

## Literacy Workshop To Show Teamwork

ATLANTA — The 1979 literacy missions leadership workshop, scheduled for June 25-July 3 at Samford University, will feature team teaching and emphasis in two special areas.

Samford will host the eight days of classes in adult reading and writing and conversational English and offer credit to qualified persons at the undergraduate and graduate levels.

The workshop, jointly sponsored by Samford and the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board, annually trains volunteers to conduct workshops for new literacy teachers and help experienced teachers refine skills.

Equivalent to a two-hour college course, the 40 hours of class refine teaching techniques and reinforce explanations of the English sound system.

The team teachers should expand the workshops' effectiveness since the teams are geared to complement each other and reinforce special areas, said Mildred Blankenship, who directs literacy ministries for the Home Mission Board Christian Social Ministries Department.

Workshop registration is limited to 60 persons; preference will be given

New York — In 1978, the American Bible Society, together with its global partners which make up the United Bible Societies (UBS), distributed 503,318,060 more than a half billion Scriptures worldwide. Not only did the total break all previous annual records but this was the first time it topped the half billion mark.

Nassau — The first nation-wide Sunday School Seminar for training of teachers and officers was held April 15-21 at the Bahamas Baptist Bible Institute. Sponsored by the Sunday School Committee of the Bahamas National Baptist Convention under the direction of Melvin Smith, chairman, and Leslie Davis, consultant, the seminar featured conferences for each age group and a special conference for pastors, superintendents, and Sunday school secretaries. A team of teachers making up the faculty of six included four California State Approved Sunday School workers for the following age groups: Mrs. Amy Harris - Adults; Mrs. Ellen Cosby - Youth; Mrs. Loyce Barnes - Children; and Mrs. Sue Smith - Pre-schoolers. Enrollment was over 200.

New York (RNS) — Morality in Media, a New York-based interfaith group, has started a "hot line" telephone service to report the latest news in its war against pornography, obscenity and offensive television programming. The hot line number (212-870-3265) gives a caller a recorded three minutes of news and "clarification of misconceptions about obscenity law that are disseminated."

Jerusalem (RNS) — The Israeli Cabinet has approved the death penalty for terrorists convicted of acts of "inhuman cruelty." Prime Minister Menachem Begin asked his Cabinet to vote on the death penalty following the April 22 attack by Palestinian guerrillas on the northern coastal town of Nahariya, near the Lebanese border. Two little girls died in the incident, along with two other Israelis and two guerrillas. Security forces captured two of the Palestinians.

Budapest — A new section, containing 150 songs for children, is included in the fourth reprint of "Voice of Faith," the Hungarian Baptist hymnal.

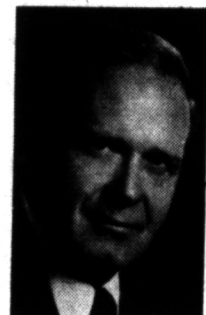
## Sunday School Meetings Invite Key Leadership

Key leadership personnel will be at the Sunday School leadership weeks at Gulfshore Assembly.

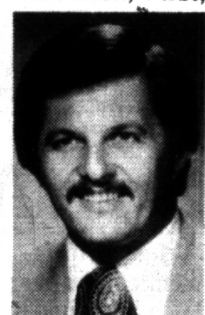
During July 30 - August 4, David Roddy, Minister of Education, First,

Jackson will direct the Adult Conference and Harold Marsh, Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville will lead the General Officers Conference.

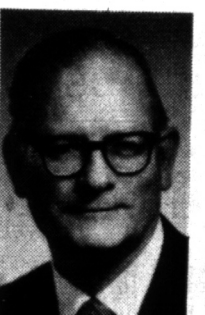
The second week, August 1-6, will find Dennis Conniff, Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville leading the Adult Conferences and Eugene Skelton, Baptist Sunday School Board,



Roddy



Conniff



Skelton



Marsh

Nashville giving special attention to growth in leadership and special interest conferences.

There are four (4) mini-conferences with two (2) mini-sessions coming during each of the two weeks.

For reservations, write Frank Simmons, Gulfshore Baptist Assembly, Henderson Point, Pass Christian, MS 39571. Telephone: 452-7261. For program information call or write Bryant Cummings, Baptist Sunday School Department, P. O. Box 530, Jackson, MS 39205.

## Union Countians Plan Crusade With Eddie Martin

Evangelist Eddie Martin will lead the Union County Crusade For Christ, starting June 3 and running through the 10th.

Over 25 churches are cooperating in the crusade to bring a spiritual awakening to this area.

The program will take place at 7:30 p.m. nightly at New Albany's Kitchen's Field.

Martin is president of the Southern Baptist Evangelist's Conference this



Martin



Westerhouse



Melody and Rick Williams

year, representing more than 250 full-time evangelists.

He will leave New Albany immediately after the crusade here and will be a featured speaker on the Evangelist's Conference in Houston, Texas, and he will also speak at the Pastor's Conference to over 18,000 "messengers."

The visiting Evangelist has traveled over 1,750,000 air miles preaching the Gospel. Over 1,500,000 youth have heard him speak in special school assembly programs.

All-time religious attendance records have been set in over 85 southern cities he has visited. For years he has preached in a tent seating over 3000 people under the canvas. He has filled the largest football stadiums.

Leon Westerhouse, singer, and Rick and Melody Williams, singers and ventriloquists, will also be on the team to provide the musical support.

There will be no admission charge. The public is cordially invited to share in this event. All services start at 7:30.

## Southern Seminary Extends McCall, Names Personnel

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (BP) — Trustees of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary extended the service of President Duke K. McCall, named a chief administrative officer for student services and elected three new faculty members during their annual meeting.

McCall, president of the seminary

since 1961, was extended through July 31, 1981, in accordance with seminary policy which provides for extension of personnel beyond retirement. McCall will be 65 in September.

Elisabeth (Beth) E. Lambert was appointed assistant dean of students, effective May 1, 1979. A member of the seminary staff since 1975, Mrs. Lam-

bert will be the chief administrative officer of the student services division, reporting directly to the president.

Effective Aug. 1, the trustees named Raymond H. Bailey as associate professor of communication and adjunct professor of Christian preaching; Carl Gerbrandt as associate professor of church music; and Timothy George as assistant professor of church history.

They also promoted Walter B. Shurden to professor of church history; elected Ronald E. Boud, a faculty member since 1976, as associate professor of church music, and R. Alan Culpepper, on the faculty since 1974, as assistant professor of New Testament with tenure; granted tenure to professors J. Ralph Hardee and Bill J. Leonard; and extended the contract of Lucie Easley, assistant professor of church social work, through July 1982.

In other action the trustees authorized expenditure of \$150,000 to upgrade campus roads and provide additional parking and awarded senior professor status to six persons and emeritus professor honor to another.

Allen W. Graves, dean of the School of Religious Education, was named senior professor for the 1980-81 school year, following his retirement as dean. Hugo Culpepper and G. Earl Guinn were named senior professors for the 1979-80 school year and George Beasley-Murray, Dale Moody and Frank Staggs as senior professors for the 1980-81 school year.

Eric C. Rust, retired professor, will become emeritus professor of Christian philosophy, Aug. 1.

The trustees also elected T. T. Crabtree, pastor of First Baptist Church, Springfield, Mo., as chairman of the board of trustees and established the E. Y. Mullins Visiting Professorship in Christian Preaching.

## Seminary Trustees Plan For Brand New Facilities

The T. B. Brown Administrative Wing and W. P. Davis Library and Resource Learning Center will be the first phase (4100 square feet) to be built for Mississippi Baptist Seminary.

The Administrative Wing is honoring T. B. Brown who served as President from 1970-1978 (he suffered a stroke in November, 1977). The Library is honoring W. P. Davis who served as the third President from 1959-1970.

The administrative space will provide for a receptionist secretary of office, workroom, president's office and trustee meeting room which will also serve as interim classroom space, a kitchen, restrooms, and office spaces for registrar, dean, bookkeeper and staff.

The library will house 20,000 volumes and serve as interim classroom space. Other spaces in the library will include librarian's office, workroom and book display.

The cost of the facility will be \$194,030. The building will be ready for occupancy in October, 1979.

The Seminary has met in nine different places since it began in 1942: 1)

Prentiss Institute, 2) M. T. A. Building, 3) Farish Street Baptist Church, 4) Paris Cleaners Building, N. Farish Street, 5) Pearl River Baptist Church, 6) New Mt. Zion Baptist Church, 7) Williams Building on Farish Street, 8) 510 North Farish Street, and 9) 3672 Delta Drive.

The property on Lynch Street was acquired in March, 1955 and January, 1963. The three acres have been appraised at \$121,000.

Richard Brogan was elected president in June, 1978.

The trustees are elected by the Mississippi Baptist Convention and National Baptists. The trustees are: George Purvis, Jackson; Mrs. Sidney Ellis, Greenville; Carl Savell, Jackson; David Mayhall, Greenville; Fred Tarpley, Jackson; Mrs. James Tadlock, Jackson; Jeff Walters, Ellisville; J. T. Pannell, Pelahatchie; Steve McNeely, Clinton; H. C. Cherry, Benoit; E. E. Evans, Greenville; R. S. Porter, Columbia; L. Z. Blankinship, Foxworth; R. H. Walls, Jackson; W. T. Guice, Gulfport; Hickman Johnson, chairman, Jackson; R. E. Willis, Jackson; and Mrs. W. J. Summers, Jackson.



## Special Education Meets Planned For Gulfshore

Doris Monroe who "wrote the book" for Southern Baptists on work with the retarded and who has led the work from its inception, will be the conference leader for a special conference for persons who work with special education, according to a release from Evelyn George who serves the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board as consultant for this work.

This conference for leaders will be conducted at Gulfshore Baptist Assembly, August 16-18. In addition there will be a conference for mentally retarded persons. This will be led by Barbara Massey, Director of Children's Work, First Church, Jackson.

Monroe will be using her book, *A Church Ministry To Retarded Per-*

sons, as the basis of her leadership conferences. "Out of her experience of more than ten years in leading conferences and directing work in this area, Mrs. Monroe will deal far more with the practical than with the theoretical styles of leadership," states Miss George in her evaluation of the program, which she has planned.

Mrs. Merle Crumpton, director of day care and kindergarten work at Alta Woods Church, Jackson, will be assisting Miss Massey in providing activities for the mentally retarded persons who attend. Each mentally retarded person who attends must have an adult sponsor or counselor.

For reservations, send \$15 to Gulfshore Baptist Assembly, Pass Christian, Mississippi 39571.

## Boys At RA Congress Will Hear Chris Elkins

NASHVILLE — Disappointment, turmoil and disillusionment filled two and one-half years of Chris Elkins' life in a time when he expected love, concern and joy.

Followers of Sun Myung Moon's Unification Church first encountered Elkins on the University of Arizona campus on June 17, 1973. Six days later, only one week before his scheduled graduation from summer semester, he joined the group, leaving college, friends, family and future.

Elkins will tell about his traumatic time as a member of the Moonies and his eventual recommitment to Jesus Christ at the 6th National Royal Ambassador Congress here July 10-12, 1979, at the Grand Ole Opry House. Humorist Grady Nutt, basketball star Bobby Jones and numerous home and

foreign missionaries also will be at the Congress.

Since his January 1976 break with what he refers to as "the movement," Elkins once again is active in a Southern Baptist church and is a staff member of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board's Interfaith Witness Department, sharing his testimony about the dangers of the Unification Church everywhere he goes.

Elkins is married to the former Mini Ekes of Hattiesburg where they reside.

**Baguio, Philippines** — Southern Baptist missionary associate Todd C. Hamilton has written a book on "How to Become a Minister of God." Published by Seminary Press of the Philippine Baptist Theological Seminary, Baguio, the book examines the call from God to be a minister, how to prepare for the ministry and aspects of a minister's life.

## Children's Music Training Events

### June 28 - July 2 Young Musicians' Week

Young Musicians' Week at Gulfshore, June 28-July 2, is designed for children who will have finished the 4-5-6 grade by June.

The featured conductor for the week will be Richard Ham, church music consultant, Church Music Department, Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn. Ham has written numerous articles in church music periodicals and is the author of the Convention Press book, *Church Music for Children*. He has conducted the Children's choirs at Ridgecrest and Gloria during Church Music Week and has been a conductor and clinician at many state music camps and leadership training events.

"He has a magical way with children which inspires them to work and produce good music, plus having fun

doing it," states Sarah Talley of the state Church Music Department.

Classes for the week will be mass rehearsals with Dick Ham, music activities, and the child's choice of one of the following: recorders, rhythm instruments, hymn study, conducting, and composition taught by Mississippi faculty.

Also included twice a day will be a spiritual time with Tom Hudson, pastor, Oak Forest Church, Jackson. Sponsors will take advantage of this time plus classes planned for them.

"This will be an exciting and rewarding week for Young Musicians. Let your children have the opportunity for musical and spiritual growth," says Mrs. Talley.

All reservations must be made directly with Gulfshore Baptist Assembly (601-452-7261), Pass Christian, MS 39571. For program information, contact Sarah Talley, Church Music Dept., Box 530, Jackson, MS 39205 (phone 354-3704).

July 26 - 28

### Music Leadership Conference

The Music Leadership Conference, July 26-28 at Gulfshore, is designed for children's choir workers who need a boost or basic training.

Besides children's choir work, the leadership conference will also cover the following areas: keyboard; orchestral music; handbell choirs; volunteer part-time music directors; and full-time ministers of music. Within the next few weeks each area will be covered in a detailed news article in the Record.

The preschool leader will be Linda Farmer from Houston, Tex. Her husband Roy is minister of music at Garden Oaks Church, where Linda is Children's Choir co-ordinator and the director of one of the children's choirs. She has produced a different biblical operetta with younger children for each of the past eleven years.

Mrs. Farmer has led many children's workshops, older Children's choir festivals, has written articles published in Baptist periodicals, and is a writer for the *Music Leader* and *Music Maker* magazines. She has written numerous children's songs and one operetta for children, "Jonah and the Fish."

Leading the Younger Children's Conference will be Mrs. Bill Roper (Patty) from First Church, Montgomery, Ala. Her teaching experience covers a wide spectrum from a previous remedial reading teacher to the director of the silent ministry choirs at her church in Montgomery. Her present responsibilities at First Baptist include: director of the second grade choir, adult choir member, and the di-



Bill Roper  
Older Children



Patty Roper  
Younger Children

rector of the silent ministry children and adult choirs. She is also music coordinator for the Montgomery Y.M.C.A. kindergarten program.

The Ropers are both natives of Kentucky and graduated from Austin Peay State University in Clarksville, Tenn.

"If any of you are interested in working with a deaf ministry in your church or community, you should take advantage of this opportunity to talk with Mrs. Roper," states Sarah Talley, Church Music Department, Jackson.

Bill Roper has been a unit writer for *Music Leader* and *Young Musician* magazines for seven years. He is minister of music at First Church, Montgomery, Ala., and will be the clinician for the Older Children's Choir workers. One of his songs, "Sing With Joy" was in the recent Young Musician's Festival Collection, "Go Tell Your Neighbor." Previous to his position in Montgomery, he was a music therapist for the Indiana Mental Health and Guidance Center in Jeffersonville, Ind.

Register directly with Gulfshore, Pass Christian, MS 39571.

For program information, contact Sarah Talley, Church Music Department (354-3704).

## Mississippi Baptist Activities

May 28-31 Christian Sex Education Seminars, 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. (CAC)  
28—DeSoto Assoc. Office, Hernando  
29—Washington Assoc. Office, Greenville  
30—FBC, Batesville  
31—FBC, Greenwood

May 29 Sunday School Teaching and Growth Conf.,  
FBC, Columbus, 7:00-9:30 p.m. (SS)

May 31 Sunday School Teaching and Growth Conf.,  
East Heights, Tupelo, 7:00-9:30 p.m. (SS)

June 2 Youth Speakers' Tournament: Finals, Gulfshore Baptist Assembly,  
Pass Christian, 2:00 p.m. and/or 7:00 p.m. (CT)

## Some Can Stay Home

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Bold Mission Thrust, the SBC's plan to present the gospel to every person on earth by the year 2000.

Evangelist Billy Graham will close out the meeting with a message and challenge for more than 1,000 persons to dedicate themselves to missions. Challenges will also be issued at satellite rallies. Before Graham speaks the 1,100 missionaries, appointed for terms ranging from a year to a career, will kneel beside an equal number of persons from a wide range of Southern Baptist leadership and pray. An 8,000-voice choir, led by Graham team member Cliff Barrows, will sing.

Texas Baptists are working hard to develop the 8,000-voice choir and a bus program to fill the Astrodome, said executive director James H. Landes.

The choir will involve the Texas Baptist All-State Youth Choir and Band and church choirs. Sam Prestidge, secretary of the Texas Baptist church music department, said choirs will come from large and small churches in and out of Texas. Out of state churches include First Baptist Church, Valdosta, Ga.; First Baptist Church, Bowling Green, Ky.; and First Baptist Church, Orlando, Fla.

Prestidge said the nine associations surrounding Houston have 18,000 youth and adult choir members. The churches in the area have been asked to aim for a goal of 50 percent of their total choir members.

Ed Laux, director of the Texas Baptist special services division, said more than 600 buses have been committed by churches to bring people to the rally.

Landes said churches are also urged to bring their young people to a youth rally at Astroworld Wednesday afternoon, June 13, and then to the Bold Mission Thrust Rally during the evening.

The program will get underway at 7 p.m., Central Time, and 8 p.m., Eastern Time, with a flag procession of all the 50 states and 94 nations where Southern Baptists have missionaries and feature a program packed with missions.

The evening will feature messages by Baker James Cauthen, executive director of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, Va., and William G. Tanner, executive director of the Home Mission Board, Atlanta, Ga., and testimonies from home and foreign mission personnel.

They include Scott Appleton, former professional football player now a Mission Service Corps volunteer; Cherry Chang, church growth consultant to Asians in Los Angeles for the Home Mission Board; John Cheyne, associate consultant on relief ministries for the Foreign Mission Board; and Ronnie Boswell, a furloughing foreign missionary from Brazil working this year with Texas Baptists.

Appleton, a former All-American football player with the University of Texas and winner of the prestigious Outland Trophy for outstanding college linemen, played professionally with the Houston Oilers and the San Diego Chargers.

A recovered alcoholic, Appleton accepted Christ because of the ministry of First Baptist Church, San Antonio, Texas, where Allen is pastor.

He now serves as a Mission Service Corps volunteer in San Antonio under the sponsorship of the church, operating the church's unique restaurant ministry, the Fourth Street Inn.

Mission Service Corps is the SBC program to send volunteer missionaries for one to two years service to work with career missionaries on home and foreign mission fields.

Just before Graham speaks, Allen will deliver a challenge to the missionaries and Carolyn Weatherford, executive director of the Woman's Missionary Union, Birmingham, Ala., will lead a dedicatory prayer.

## Women In Church-Related Work Will Meet In Houston June 10

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — Women employed by churches or church-related organizations will meet in conjunction with the national Annual Meeting of Woman's Missionary Union, Auxiliary to Southern Baptist Convention.

The special group will meet for dinner and a program of testimony and dialogue on Sunday, June 10, at 5:30 p.m. This meeting will follow the opening session of the WMU meeting which begins at 3:00 at the Houston Civic Center Music Hall. The dinner will be held in the Ballroom of the Sheraton-Houston Hotel.

It is the first nationwide fellowship meeting of women professionals on Southern Baptist payrolls. WMU decided to sponsor the gathering as part of its response to the inter-agency Consultation on Women in Church-Related Vocations held last September.

"The consultation revealed a need for women in church and denominational vocations to get to know each other, to share their concerns, and to upgrade their professional images," said Carolyn Weatherford, executive director of WMU. "Because of WMU's unique historic role as a woman's organization, we think it is appropriate for us to start the ball rolling."

Included on the program is an address by Weatherford. WMU president, Mrs. A. Harrison Gregory, of Danville, Va., will preside over the meeting.

A symposium moderated by Catherine Allen, assistant to the WMU executive director, will feature Laura Fry, national evangelism consultant

**Champaign, Ill. (RNS)** — Anne Williams Kessen, 22, is apparently the first woman to be ordained a minister by a Southern Baptist congregation in Illinois. Mr. Kessen, who is a student in the divinity school in Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tenn., was ordained here by the Temple Baptist Church (May 6). She hopes to be a hospital chaplain, but told the Illinois Baptist newspaper that she wants to be sensitive to God's leadership for any doors that may open.

## Americans United Elects Puckett

SILVER SPRING, Md. (BP) — R. Gene Puckett, editor of the Maryland Baptist since Aug. 1, 1966, has

been elected executive director of Americans United for Separation of Church and State.

The organization, based in Silver Spring, Md., near Washington, works for religious freedom and separation of church and state.

Puckett, 47, will resign from the news publication of the Baptist Convention of Maryland, effective July 31. He will succeed Andrew Leigh Gunn, who left the Americans United post late last year.

A native of Kentucky, Puckett will continue to live in Reisterstown, Md., about 40 miles from Silver Spring, and maintain membership in the Woodbrook Baptist Church, a Southern Baptist congregation.

He came to the Maryland Baptist from the associate editorship of the Western Recorder, Kentucky state Baptist paper, where he served, 1963-66. Previously he was a pastor in Florida, 1961-63; the first fulltime

editor of the Ohio Baptist Messenger, Columbus, Ohio, 1958-61; and a pastor in Kentucky and Ohio, 1952-58.

Southern Baptist Convention President Jimmy R. Allen of San Antonio is a former president of Americans United. Calvin W. Didier of St. Paul, Minn., is current president.

Active in Southern Baptist life, Puckett has been president of the Southern Baptist Press Association, chairman of the Southern Baptist Convention's Committee on Order of Business; and president of the trustees at Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Kansas City, Mo. He is a graduate of Western Kentucky University, and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

He and his wife, the former Robbie Lake of Kentucky, have two college-age daughters.

**London (RNS)** — The Baptist Union of Great Britain and Ireland has called on all governments to halt production of arms of any kind whatsoever. In a resolution adopted by a large majority of the delegates to the group's recent annual assembly here, governments were urged to return the resources thus freed towards "the needs of developing countries."

with women, Anne Davis, associate professor of social work education, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, and Janelle Doyle (Mrs. Lonnie A., Jr.), secondary teacher, Equatorial Brazil.

Tickets to the dinner, which is a first for Southern Baptists, must be purchased in advance from WMU at 600 North 20th Street, Birmingham, Alabama 35203. The cost per ticket is \$12.00.



Furloughing missionary Jerry Simon shares missions information with RA boys.

## RA Camps Will Move To Central Hills Assembly

Camping experiences for Royal Ambassador boys are varied this summer as the program moves its operations to Central Hills Baptist Assembly at Kosciusko for the first time. The RA program is sponsored by the Mississippi Baptist Brotherhood Department.

Resident camps for grades 4-12 and costing \$40 per person, will take place at seven different times. They are: June 25-29; July 2-6; July 9-13; July 16-20; July 23-27; July 30-Aug. 3; and Aug. 6-10.

Dad-Lad Weekends for grades 1-3 and their fathers or counselors will cost \$10 per person. They will be July 20-21 and July 27-28.

Missionaries on hand for several of the camps include P. D. Lee from Spain who works in radio and televi-

sion ministry, Jerry Rankin from Indonesia who works in preaching ministry, Paul Vandercook from Mississippi who does language work including work with seamen, Van W. Williams, III, from India who is a medical missionary, and Peter Lee from France, who is a missionary kid.

Besides the Central Hills camping program, this summer will institute two backpacking trips to the Ozark Mountains. These will be for boys in grades 10-12 and cost \$60 per person. They will be July 16-20 and July 23-27.

Make reservations now by sending \$5 registration fee per person along with the appropriate reservation information to the Brotherhood Department, Box 530, Jackson, Miss 39205.

## Allen Fears Shift In SBC Priorities

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work on an agenda to consider the possibilities of starting English-language churches for Christian Americans in the Republic of China. At the close of the hour-long meeting, Allen led the group in a prayer.

Three experiences meant the most to him personally, Allen said: (1) meeting with Prime Minister Begin, (2) challenging young people attending student week at Gloria Baptist Conference Center to respond to missions and watching 500 commit themselves to missions service, and (3) presiding at a banquet at the Mayflower Hotel in Washington, D.C., when President Jimmy Carter challenged about 200 key Southern Baptist laypeople to underwrite Mission Service Corps and Bold Mission Thrust financially. About \$900,000 was raised in pledges as a result of that banquet, Allen said.

Although he is reluctant to talk about it, Allen conceded that he has had a continuing relationship with President Carter, who proposed the idea of Mission Service Corps in a video-taped message to the Southern Baptist Convention two years ago in Kansas City when Allen was elected president.

Allen said he has been in "continuing communication" with the President, but would not say how often they talk or the content of their

discussions. President Carter, Allen said, has been very careful to observe the concept of separation of church and state.

One of his greatest disappointments as president of the convention, Allen said, was the criticism and misunderstanding of President Carter's participation at the fund-raising banquet for Mission Service Corps. "It wasn't the President's meeting, it was our meeting, and he felt it was like going to his own local church for a fund raising dinner," Allen said.

Although Allen told President Carter in advance of his plan to visit Prime Minister Begin in Israel, President Carter told him he wanted to "stay out" of Allen's visit to Israel.

While he cited three experiences that had been most meaningful to him personally, Allen predicted that the highlight of his entire two years as president of the SBC will probably occur during his last two days as president when the SBC meets in Houston on June 13.

Allen has planned a Wednesday night convention session to fill the Houston Astrodome, and telecast a missions commitment service live via satellite to Baptist rallies in 11 cities to an additional potential audience of 75,000 people if capacity crowds attend.

Allen said he has been in "continuing communication" with the President, but would not say how often they talk or the content of their

term volunteers participating in Volunteer Involvement in Mission-related projects ranging from one week to six months.

Allen, optimistic about Mission Service Corps, said he still believes the 5,000 goal can be reached 1982, provided Southern Baptists really catch the vision and respond to God's call to volunteer mission service at a much more rapid pace than in the last two years.

"I pray that the next president of the convention will indeed join in Bold Mission Thrust as the priority concern of the denomination," Allen said.

The SBC may even be able to keep the momentum on Bold Mission Thrust going without the president's complete support, Allen observed, pointing out that Bold Mission Thrust has been accepted and is being pushed by the denominational agency and promotion people more than ever before.

But most of all, he said, Bold Mission Thrust will succeed because it is "of God," and because the people on the grassroots level see it as an opportunity to become personally involved in missions and God's redemptive purpose.

"God's spirit is at work among us," Allen declared. "And I believe Southern Baptists will respond to the challenge."



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## Editorials

### Who Are The Liberals? . . .

## Charges Must Be Specific

Southern Baptists are a free people, and they can go about their business in about any way they choose. From time to time, however, someone comes up with a notion that doesn't seem to fit the normal methods of procedure.

A couple of years ago a group of Southern Baptists began holding meetings ahead of the convention in an effort to try to influence the election of the president and the two vice-presidents. Little attention was paid to those meetings that year, but they seem to be back again.

The word is that meetings have been held in at least 15 states for the purpose of trying to enlist support for the election of officers who are committed to biblical infallibility. This newspaper has not heard whether or not one of the meetings has been held in Mississippi.

To go back to the original premise about Southern Baptists being free people, there is no reason that such a group should not meet about anything it wishes. It is somewhat akin to a group of church people getting together on Tuesday night to see what they can do about influencing a vote in the business meeting the next night.

We don't like that sort of thing, but there is little that can be done about it.

The strange thing about these pre-convention meetings is that it is difficult to figure what the group feels it can accomplish. And let it be said that at this point this newspaper has no idea who is in the group or who initiated the meetings. None of the information received here has given any indication along those lines. Only two names have been mentioned. Both were listed as speakers at several of the meetings,

but neither is mentioned as a leader of the effort. Both are mentioned as having strong opinions on the matter.

The two are Paige Patterson, president of the Criswell Center for Biblical Studies and associate pastor of First Baptist Church, Dallas, and Paul Pressler, an appeals court judge in Houston.

The group's hope is to influence enough votes to elect a president and two vice-presidents who are committed to biblical infallibility. Right off, it could be said that it might be difficult to elect officers who were not so committed; but let's move on.

These are the stated reasons for the meetings:

(a) "To meet together with fellow Baptists who were greatly concerned about some things happening in the Southern Baptist Convention with a view to discussing how we could help those in leadership to know what we feel the majority viewpoint really is and especially as it concerns the reliability of the scriptures.

(2) "To discuss ways by which we might be able to secure the elected leadership of the convention from among those who we know are committed to biblical inerrancy."

One stated concern of the group is that resolutions presented to the convention calling for a statement of biblical infallibility have come back watered down. Also the group has said that in some seminaries and state colleges and in some denominational agencies there has been a buildup of liberal theology. The members of the group seem to feel that electing presidents and vice-presidents who are

committed to biblical infallibility would change things more to their liking. The reason for the hope, they say, is that the officers appoint the resolutions committee and other committee members who nominate other committee members who nominate the members of boards of trustees of agencies and institutions.

Let's look at the record.

The group says that since 1963 the conservatives have been trying to pass resolutions requesting statements of a belief in biblical infallibility and they have come back toothless. Yet in 1964 K. Owen White, then pastor of First Church, Houston, was president of the convention. Few were more conservative than he. Others since 1963 have included W. A. Criswell (1969-1970), the very conservative pastor of First Church, Dallas, which is the sponsoring body of the institution which Patterson heads. Another was Jaroy Weber (1975-1976), then pastor of First Church, Lubbock, and widely known as a conservative. "Conservative," of course, is a label that more than likely would be claimed by every other president of the convention. Since 1963, they have been Wayne Dehoney (1965-1966), Franklin Paschall (1967-1968), Carl Bates (1971-1972), Owen Cooper (1973-1974), James L. Sullivan (1977), and Jimmy Allen, the current president.

These men were elected by the messengers at the conventions. Evidently they chose the ones they wanted.

It is true that resolutions have been reported back to the conventions that were less specific than those introduced. Yet year after year there have

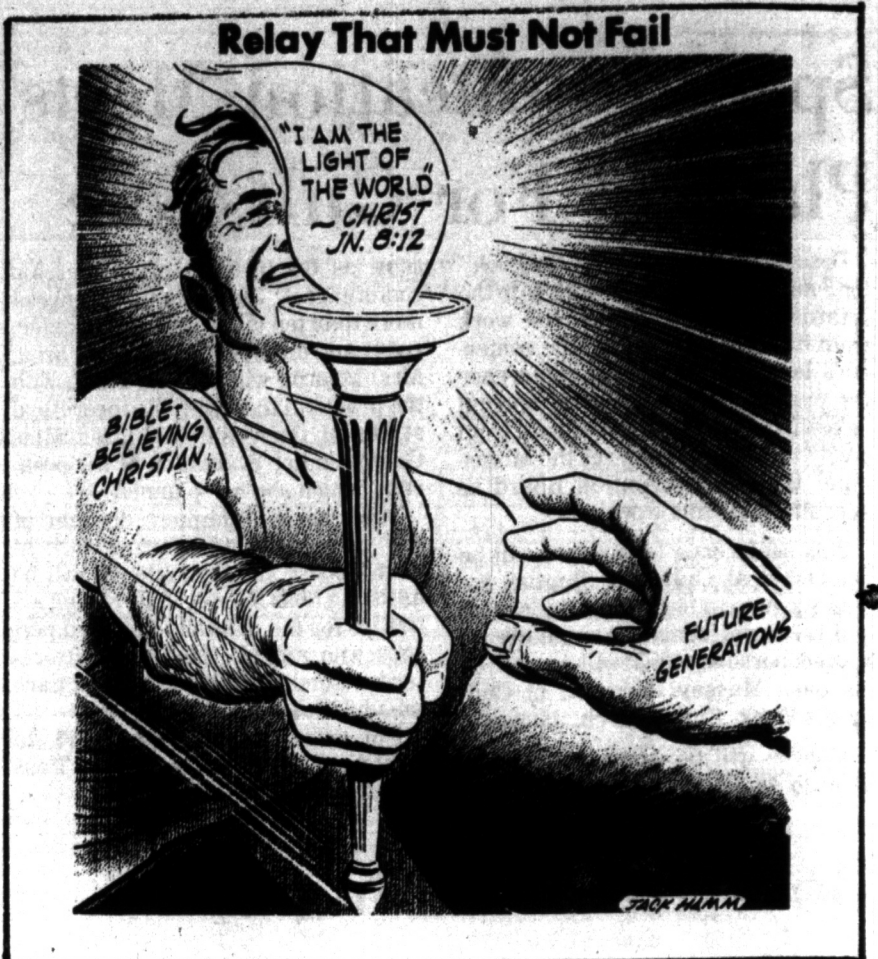
been amendments offered that would have changed the wording of the resolutions to more nearly conform to what was introduced. And year after year those amendments have failed to pass the convention. Evidently the messengers liked the resolutions as they were reported by the resolutions committees and didn't see any point in going into such specific detail to enunciate something they probably figured just about everyone accepted.

So the conventions have spoken. They have been given ample opportunity every year to alter their positions. They have continued to move in the same direction. Evidently the will of the conventions has been made known.

The group has identified Southern and Southeastern seminaries, Wake Forest, William Jewell, and Richmond universities, and the Christian Life Commission as allowing a gradual buildup of liberal theology.

The Southern Baptist Convention does not concern itself with the affairs of Wake Forest, William Jewell, and Richmond universities. The liberal theology at the other agencies has not been identified in material received by this newspaper. With a charge this serious the members of the complaining group must be specific.

Most people seem to agree that the Southern Baptist Convention is a missions organization rather than a theological grouping. This is true, yet all of us would also agree that there has to be a boundary somewhere as far as theological concepts are concerned. Where is the line? Most of us would want to draw our own. And the line for 99 per cent of us would be what each would call conservative.



## Faces And Places

By Anne Washburn McWilliams

### A Letter To Louie

Dear Louie:

Congratulations on completing 25 years as BSU director at the University of Southern Mississippi. I'm sorry I couldn't come to the party the BSU'ers gave you on May 3.

Mini Elkins has written an article for the Baptist Record about you, and I think she did a fine job. (See p. 5)

I had been working for the Baptist Record almost a year when I read a news release saying that Louie Farmer, Jr., a Texan, would become BSU director at Southern, March 16, 1964.

About a year later, Ethel Lae Wood, secretary in the state Department of Student Work, told me that you were planning to be tour leader for a group of students and other young people, to go to the Baptist World Alliance in London. She said you were accepting mostly those who didn't have a lot of money to spend, and that surely included me! I decided to join your group, and that was the beginning of our 24-year friendship.

I've been to many places since then, but that six weeks in Europe and on the Italian ship, the Castel Felice, in the summer of 1955, are a peak standing high above the rest. In fact, I've said that to you so often I expect you are tired of hearing it, but I'd like to refer to it at least this once again, because as I look through the account book we kept of that tour I see a lot of your good qualities illustrated there. These are qualities that thousands of students at Southern must have seen in your life between 1954 and 1979.

As I recall, it was your idea that we compile a book about that trip. The first night we all met in Room 909 of the Carteret Hotel in New York City you said that you would be the tour leader, but you suggested that we look to God as our guide. That was how we happened to name our book, "God Was Our Guide."

As I flip through the book, I find that you are a man of faith, a man of prayer. Trying to enlist 15 young people, two days from the final deadline for deposits, you lacked two. You prayed, "Lord, I believe you led me into this. I think I have done my best, but I still do not have enough. Somewhere there must be at least two more young people you want to have this experience. Please enlist them. And Lord, please make them boys."

Two days later, deadline day, you got a special delivery letter from El Paso and a telegram from Louisville, Ky. Both contained names of boys who wanted to go. The Lord had filled your order exactly, and just in time.

You could have let us settle for sim-

ple sightseeing, but you made the whole summer a lesson in missions. We worshiped in Baptist churches or met Baptist missionaries in England, France, Italy, Germany, Switzerland, and Holland. You told the Baptist congregation in Amsterdam, "We want to get to know each other better and to understand each other's way of doing things."

In New York you showed how even-tempered you could be, even when provoked to wrath. A waiter tried to teach you the meaning of a tossed salad — he tossed it on you (the book says) and then began forgiving you, "That's all right, that's all right."

One of your hobbies is photography. I believe. On the Castel Felice, you and Willie Dean and J. R. Dudley decided to go up on the ship's bridge, without asking, and take some pictures. You did — several nice views from the bridge and one of the Italian captain bawling you out.

One afternoon we visited the Italian Baptist camp, Little Ridgcrest by the Sea, on the Mediterranean at Santa Severa, 30 miles from Rome. At that time the camp had only a small kitchen, a pavilion, and a few tents. The Italian young people received us with warmth. They served us Cokes and sang for us as one boy played the accordion.

Perhaps you remember saying, "I personally will measure the sustained success of the tour by how our interest in Little Ridgcrest holds out. I do not necessarily mean in dollars and cents but in our enthusiasm over it."

Every member of our group later pledged to send offerings monthly to Italian Baptists for at least a year to help build their camp. You volunteered to be secretary, receive the gifts, and send them on. All of this was of course going far beyond your duties as leader of a summer BSU tour. But as they said recently at your anniversary party, "Louie Farmer is synonymous with love," and love is not divided into summers and winters. It goes on without stopping.

On the last page of the book, I find an entry by Evelyn Cleveland of South Carolina, who shares your birthday, August 12: "We are grateful to Louie who has shown us by example what it means to live close to Christ daily."

Thank you, Louie, for being my friend. And thank you for the lessons you have taught me, and countless others: (1) depend on God and wait for His guidance; (2) when you see a need, do something about it.

Cordially,  
Anne

### Welcome To The Merrimans . . .

## Best Wishes To The Winders

With the end of this month Ralph B. Winders will conclude 22 years as director of the Department of Student Work in Mississippi. He is retiring as of that date, and surely we all wish him the very best as he enters into this new phase of his activities.

This native of Mississippi has not confined his ministry to college students in his native state. Before assuming the Mississippi directorship in

1957 he held the same position in Virginia for 13 years.

Ralph Winders started out to be an engineer. He was graduated from the University of Mississippi with that in mind; but the Lord spoke to him, and he became a preacher. That began a career of service in the name of the Lord that has spanned 40 years.

On Thursday of this week a banquet will be held to honor the Winders. They

have been fixtures in Mississippi Baptist life for these many years, and we hope they will remain so. They are held in the highest esteem by those who know them. The students they have served so well think so much of them that they gathered enough money to send them on a trip around the world during this last year of active service.

So it's best wishes to Mr. and Mrs.

Winders as they conclude their service, and it's best wishes also to Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Merriman as he steps into the position of director of student work. Without doubt the lovely and charming Rhonda Merriman will continue the pattern of the director's wife becoming almost the co-director.

The Lord always provides the ones to step into the gap. He has again in this instance.

### Guest Opinion . . .

## Franklin County Church Honors Senior Citizens

By Flora Posey

On the wall behind the pulpit in Damascus Baptist Church in the countryside of east Franklin County hangs an old-fashioned picture frame. In the frame precise Old English lettering surrounded by a border of neatly drawn flowers proclaims that the church was organized in 1859. The modern interior belies its age. It reveals richly carpeted floors and modern new pews many of which have neat brass plates dedicating them to senior citizens of another generation. The dated gravestones in the flower bedecked churchyard proclaim the passing of several generations and validate the church's historic past.

Mrs. Maude Grice, who grew up almost within the shadow of the predecessor of the present church edifice, believes that recently this "senior" church was innovative inaugurating a historic event. On this date it initiated a Senior Citizens Appreciation Day which will continue as an annual event. Mrs. Grice said that she had not heard of a similar program. The

purpose of the special day is to honor the members of the church who are at least seventy-five years of age for their faithfulness to God and the church.

Special recognition has been accorded Mrs. Lela Stroud, 88, who has been a member of the church for 75 years. Mrs. Stroud has taught a Sunday School class for 70 years. She became a member of the church at the age of 13 and began teaching Sunday school when she was 18. She began teaching the adult women's class in the thirties and is still the active teacher of the class. She was presented a plaque in recognition of her devotion to teaching Sunday school and was also honored by having the class named the Lela Stroud Class.

In addition to Mrs. Stroud, fourteen

other church members have been honored. They were Marvin Crane, 76; Mrs. Oma Flowers, 81; Mrs. Maude Grice, 85; Leo Hall, 75; Mrs. Nannie Hall, 76; Mrs. Edna Smith, 75-plus; Mrs. Lela Smith, 82; Mrs. Ollie Smith, 84; Leo Wilson, 78; and Mrs. Lou Wilson, 75. Those honored were presented with corsages and boutonnieres and were individually recognized. Special recognition was given Mrs. Nannie Hall for her service as Sunday school secretary, to Mr. Huffman a deacon, to Mrs. Russell and Mrs. Lela Smith as Sunday School teachers, and to Mrs. Annie Smith and Mrs. Luna Smith as members of the church quartet. Mrs. Luna Smith also served as pianist and Mrs. Lela Smith as organist when the church used a pump organ.

The number of years of church

membership for four of the 15 was not immediately available. For the other 11 membership varied from 24 years to 75 years. They had an average membership of 61.8 years.

At the noon hour a special table was set for the group, and what a visitor referred to as a sumptuous repast was served to them. Don Morris, pastor of the church, told them "what little we do today will not measure up to the glory God will give." He also said that it was the church's way of saying "Thank you" for what they had meant to the church.

It was obvious that the first Senior Citizens Appreciation was a success. The honored individuals and the other church members alike are looking forward to the second annual celebration.

## Letters To The Editor

### Appreciation To Education Commission

Editor:

At the April meeting of BEAM (Baptist Education Advancement in Mississippi), members expressed a desire to extend a special "thank you" to the Mississippi Baptist Education Commission. It was decided that the most appropriate way would be in the form of a resolution of appreciation.

Furthermore, it was acknowledged that Mississippi Baptists need to be made aware of the tremendous job this agency is doing in the support of Christian higher education.

Therefore, we would be grateful to you if you would publish the following resolution in an upcoming issue of the Baptist Record.

(BEAM, by the way, consists of the promotional personnel of Mississippi Baptists' four colleges. It was organized in 1978, at the suggestion of the Education Commission, as a means of pooling the financial and creative resources of the colleges in order to more effectively promote Christian higher

education.)

### RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION TO THE EDUCATION COMMISSION

WHEREAS, The Education Commission of the Mississippi Baptist Convention has been an active supporter of BEAM (Baptist Education Advancement in Mississippi) since its organization in January, 1978; and

WHEREAS, The Education Commission has been particularly helpful in the promotion of Mississippi's four Baptist Colleges for the Baptist Seminary, College and School Day emphasis, which culminated on Sunday, February 18, 1979; and

WHEREAS, That assistance included able counsel; a personal letter written by Dr. Kermit McGregor, chairman, to Mississippi pastors; a sermon written by Dr. Joe Tuten and distributed to Mississippi pastors; and an advertisement, bought by the commission, in the Baptist Record; now, be it

RESOLVED, That BEAM express deep gratitude to the Education Commission for its support throughout the year, as well as anticipation for a con-

tinued relationship of mutual support as we work together to bring to Mississippi Baptists an increased understanding and awareness of the value of Christian higher education.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be sent to Dr. Kermit McGregor, chairman of the Education Commission, Dr. Earl Kelly, executive secretary of the Mississippi Baptist Convention, and the Baptist Record.

Approved April 2, 1979

/s/ James Bryant

President

/s/ Jo Laurin McDonald

Secretary

### School of Christian Training

Editor:

This is not a letter of advertisement, but simply an attempt to share something I am involved in with many of my fellow pastors in hopes they will find, as I have, a way to become a better trained and more effective servant to God and his people. Last fall Dr. J. Roy McComb of First Church, Columbia,

introduced me to the School of Christian Training now being conducted at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. This is a program designed to train and equip pastors and laypersons who do not have a college degree to serve in the church. The courses I have taken are ones that require a great deal of study to complete, and I would not recommend this program to those not interested in learning and not willing to work. However, the instructors are the type that will take their own time and help students when help is needed. This is in itself one reason this program is effective. The professors, Drs. Charles Graham, Jerry Breazeale, and L. M. Dorr, all have many years in the pastorate; and when you have a problem, they have the knowledge and field experience to be of great help.

I am currently serving as full-time pastor, yet I can attend the special program set up for people in my position. I start classes on Monday at 3 p.m. and finish my work at the seminary on Wednesday at 10 a.m. Then I am free to return to my home and church field.

Dr. Fred Moseley, who is the director, can answer any questions you or anyone else might have on this subject.

I know what the school is doing for me, and I just wanted to share this with others.

Bob Goolsby, Pastor  
Baxterville Baptist Church

### Staff Member Needed

Editor:

Four Mile Creek Baptist Church, Escatawpa, would like to place an announcement in The Baptist Record. We are presently seeking a youth and music director for our church. Our church is in an urban area. We have 160 enrolled in Sunday School and 115 in Training Union. We will furnish housing and utilities and the salary is negotiable. For more information, please write.

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# Slatted Benches At Garaywa Are To Be Cut In Sections And Sold

By Wilda Fancher

The slatted benches which have graced the auditorium at Camp Garaywa ever since the auditorium has had benches have more value than could ever be placed on them. All around the world there are people who know about Christ because of those benches, for testimony after testimony from missionaries, pastors, wives of pastors, folks who follow other vocations of full-time ministries and their wives, active Christians in all our churches, and just plain folks who simply sit in the pew and say "Amen" while they reach for their pocket books to support Christ around the world give truth to the fact that God spoke to them and asked them to

be special to him while they were wiggling around on those slatted benches during a camping experience. Many adults have come year by year to be trained there and to be inspired as they sit on those slatted benches. Friends who see each other only once or twice a year when they come to Garaywa sit there and learn the news. Wouldn't it be fun to know how many grannies have swapped looks at pictures before (and probably during) sessions there? And how many cute stories of children have been told?

And how many tears have been choked back at hearing of the sad times of friends. To say nothing of the frustrated Why-did-I-ever-tell-that-leadership-committee-I-would-do-this

silent murmurings in new officers' minds when they stacked up materials handed out to them in training conference.

And there are the beautiful times like Acteons' Queens' Court, when the royalty of feminine Baptist adolescence receive proper homage.

But now a value in dollars has been determined for these lovely slats which came to be a part of the Lord's work. Soon now, new pews will be installed in the auditorium. The old benches will be cut into sections and will be available for \$10 a section May 28. They must be picked up at Garaywa no later than Saturday, June 9.

To order a section, call Fran Pickett

at Garaywa at 924-7034. It will be necessary for those who may have already made a verbal request to some member of the state staff to confirm this by calling the Garaywa office. The orders will be handled on a first-come, first-served basis. Remember, the orders will be handled at the Garaywa office.

How do you keep a memory going? Maybe with something as nostalgic as an old slatted bench where you sat when you were listening for a special voice and you heard it, or for a special prodding toward a decision and you received it, or for a reassurance of God's hand on your life and you felt it.

## Conferences Answer Question: What Are Equipping Centers?

By Anne McWilliams

An Equipping Center is a series of modules, or units of study, grouped around a certain subject area," James Webster explained. "It is not a place."

Webster, who is minister of education at Parkway Church, Jackson, was a leading a conference on Equipping Centers, at Easthaven Church, Brookhaven, Tuesday evening, May 8.

"Equipping Centers are not meant to replace anything in Church Training, but are simply an additional method for meeting special interests and training needs of those not already involved in training."

Besides the conference at Easthaven Church, eight other Equipping Center Interpretation Clinics were held May 7 and 8. These were at Parkway, Jackson; First, Tupelo; First, Sardis; 15th Avenue, Meridian; Main Street, Hattiesburg; First, Greenwood; East End, Columbus; and Grace Memorial, Gulfport. Norman Rodgers, consultant in the state Church Training Department, said that average attendance at the conferences was 20.

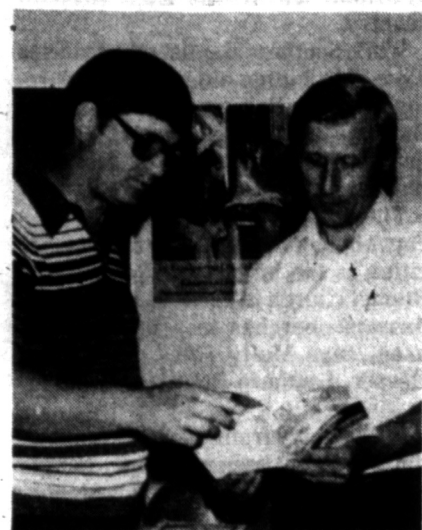
Leaders other than Webster included Bill Latham, Jimmy Dunn, Gene Hendrix, Hugh Poole, Dan Wynn, and Farrell Blankenship.

"The Greek word for equipping is *kataartizo*," Webster pointed out. "That translates as 'artisan' or 'skilled craftsman of an art.'" Paul in Ephesians 4:12 stressed the importance of the "equipping of the saints" and the "building up of the body of Christ," and the purpose of Church Training fits in with this verse.

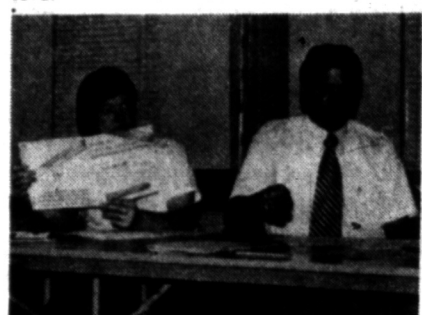
Though the primary target audience for Equipping Centers is persons not enrolled in Adult ongoing training groups, the modules may also sometimes be used as alternate study units in ongoing Adult groups.

The six subjects of Equipping Centers will remain the same, and modules will be issued about every six months, grouped around these six subjects: Missions and Evangelism, Church and Community, Family Life, Christian Doctrine, Leadership, and Christian Growth.

Webster displayed sample modules. Each module, or unit of study, is packaged in a box, and all resources the leader needs for that unit are in the box. (Sometimes additional member



Edgar Lee Wright, left, pastor at New Sight (Lincoln), and G. C. Powell of First Church, Brookhaven and Lincoln Association Church Training director, discuss the concept of Equipping Centers.



Eddie Graves, left, pastor, represented Shady Grove. Ernest Sadler, right, is pastor at Easthaven, Brookhaven, host church for an Equipping Centers clinic.

materials need to be ordered separately.) These varied resources may include books, cassette tapes, promotional helps, and others.

Eight modules, undated and reusable, will be available in July, 1979, for beginning use in October. They are: Born Again: The Doctrine of Salvation; The Christian Confronting the Cults; How to Study Your Bible; The Bible Speaks to Current Issues; How to Witness; Your Home and Christian Discipline; Making Good Marriages Better; and Deacons Training to Minister. These will be listed on a special form to be mailed to churches with the July-August-September order forms.

In January, 1980, additional module releases will include: Bold World Mis-

sions: A Bible View; The Baptist Way; Understanding Baptist Beliefs; Your Family: Learning, Loving, Living; Equipping Church Leaders; How to Pray; and The Bible Speaks to Personal Crises.

Webster said that the use of an Equipping Center module requires advance study and planning. "Allow at least three weeks for delivery from Nashville. Then you can't just get a module on Friday, and expect to begin use of it on Sunday night!"

One advantage of the Equipping Centers units is that they may be scheduled any time or place — at offices, homes, apartments, or wherever desirable. They do not necessarily have to be studied at the church.

Other distinctives are the short term duration (six to eight weeks), variety in resources, varied learning approaches (individual study or study in groups of various sizes), reusable resources, and grouping by needs and interests.

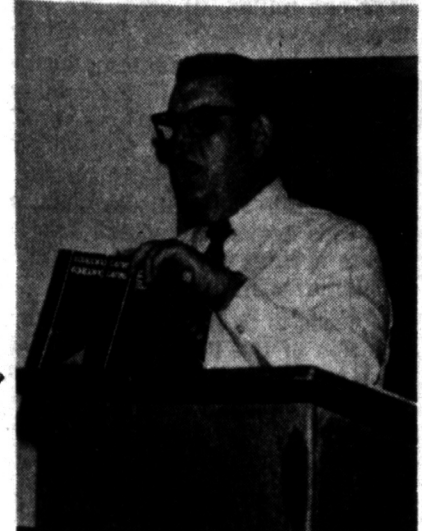
Equipping Centers organization is minimum and flexible, requiring only the Equipping Center leader or Church Training director (usually the same person); the group leader; and the study leader or teacher.

"The study leader needs to be a sharp cookie!" Webster said, "one who knows how to make the unit of study what it ought to be."

Adults in Equipping Center groups are enrolled in Church Training. Maybe at the end of the module they will wish to be included in an ongoing group. If not, their names will be kept in a Hold File, as prospects for subsequent Equipping Center modules.

Prices of the modules available in July range from \$11.95 to \$24.95. One representative of a small church said that his congregation might not be able to afford them. G. C. Powell, who is associational Church Training director for Lincoln County, suggested that the association might buy a group of the modules and then check them out to the churches, as a library would check out books.

Webster told those attending his conference that consultants from the Church Training Department, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, would visit any churches who asked for their help in getting started with the use of Equipping Centers.



James Webster holds up a box that contains one module, a unit of study on an Equipping Centers subject. Webster led an Equipping Centers Interpretative Clinic at Easthaven Church, Brookhaven, Ernest Sadler, pastor.

## Morgan

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ing Handel's "The Messiah" and Mendelssohn's "Elijah," and has assisted in staging several musical theatre productions, among them "Music Man" and "Fiddler on the Roof."

Morgan is a member of the American Choral Directors Association, the American Guild of Organists, the Hymn Society of America, and Music Educators National Conference.

He and his wife Shirley have two children, Denise and Kevin.

## White Shoes

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to give rides to those without cars.

But the good news, Hedquist says, is that messengers may park free at the Summit for the Tuesday and Thursday evening sessions and may park at the Astrodome for the Wednesday evening session for \$2.

Messengers without cars may ride to the Summit or the Astrodome from three locations — The Hyatt Regency, Downtown Holiday Inn and the Rice Stadium Parking Lot during the day — and also from the Shamrock Hilton at night. Feeder buses will take messengers at other convention hotels to the departure point of the shuttle bus.

Total cost from the hotel to the Summit or Astrodome is \$2. Bus tickets may be purchased at the Summit, various hotels or the bus at the hotel.



Laura Compere, incoming BSU president at the University of Southern Mississippi, presents a gift to Louie Farmer, BSU director, at his 25th anniversary reception. Looking on is Ben Biggerstaff, a representative of the BSU-Advisory Council.

## 25 Years

## Reception Theme: Louie Is Synonymous With Love

By Mini Elkins

"Louie Farmer has been described by a former University of Southern Mississippi student as 'the finest Christian I've ever met,'" according to Ralph Winders, state BSU director.

"This is the highest compliment that can be paid anyone," Winders said.

Winders was featured speaker at a reception held May 3 honoring Farmer on the occasion of his 25th anniversary as Baptist Student Union director at USM in Hattiesburg.

"Louie Farmer is innovative and always stays on the edge of things. He's generous beyond his financial abilities and faithful beyond the call of duty," Winders said.

The state director also described Farmer as being humble to the point of self abasement. "The hardest job is to get him to tell others about the good projects going on at Southern. He's always apologetic because he feels he's not doing his best."

The central theme conveyed throughout the anniversary program was "Louie Farmer is synonymous with love."

The reception was a far cry from

Farmer's welcome meeting at USM on March 16, 1954, when he showed up in overalls. He had just moved to Hattiesburg from Newton and the moving van got to his house only briefly before the meeting was to begin. The movers deserted him to find food and his clothes were in the back of the van.

Farmer came to USM from a similar position of seven and a half years at Clarke College in Newton. During his quarter of a century at USM, he has seen the BSU grow from a one-room office to the multi-use facility center which was completed in 1970.

The BSU director, affectionately called "Bro. Louie" by students, says he has been "sitting on the side watching BSU students go by" during the past 25 years. He says the real payoff of his job is seeing the students leave the university and make something of themselves.

"It's not just the preachers and missionaries I'm talking about. It's lawyers, doctors, reporters and businessmen," Farmer said. He likes to feel he has touched these lives in some way.

## R&TV Commission Receives Peabody

FORT WORTH, Texas (BP) — The Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission has received one of the broadcast industry's highest awards — the Peabody Award — for its film "A River To The Sea."

The Peabody Awards, in their 40th year, are designed to recognize the most distinguished and meritorious public service programs each year in radio and television. The commission's award was given for work done by John C. Stevens, vice president of script development, who wrote, produced and directed the film.

Stevens, who has won more than 40 awards for filmmaking excellence, said, "I've never had an honor thrill me as much. I'd rather win this than an Emmy. It is one of the most prestigious awards we have ever received."

This is the fourth time "A River To The Sea" has been honored. It has received the Golden Image Plaque from the Long Island International Film Festival, the Bronze Medal from the Greater Miami International Film Festival and the CINE Golden Eagle

Certificate.

The film is a 30-minute documentary on the history and evolution of the English language. Narrated by actor Alexander Scourby, it traces the language from "the Roman occupation to modern times — touching landmarks in the development from Beowulf to Shakespeare and from the King James translation of the Bible to Churchill," said Stevens.

"A River To The Sea" features five minutes of Scripture reading which Stevens said he used to stress the impact the Bible has had on the development of the language.

"The Scriptures are also used to plant a seed in the hearts of our audiences. We want people to start thinking along a spiritual line without being preachy," said Robert Taylor, director of the commission's radio and television division.

"A River To The Sea" (which premiered October 1978 on CBS) is part of the commission's "The Human Dimension" television series.

## Roots Of The English Language Are Explored In Baptist Film

"A River To The Sea," the award-winning documentary that explores the history of the English language, will be aired June 3 (Sunday) at 10 a.m. EST on the CBS television network. It is produced by the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission in Fort Worth.

This will be the second time "A River To The Sea" has been aired by CBS. It premiered last October on the network's "Lamp Unto My Feet" series.

"A River To The Sea" traces the language from the Roman occupation, to the King James translation of the Bible to modern time," said John Stevens, who produced, wrote and directed the film.

Filmed entirely in England, the film is set against a backdrop of scenes

familiar to every student of the language — from the Poet's Corner at Westminster Abbey to Shakespeare's birthplace.

It is narrated by actor Alexander Scourby, one of broadcasting's leading voices. "Scourby has an affection for the language which is readily evident in the film when he says, 'I will love her until the day I die... yet she is completely oblivious to my going and coming,'" said Stevens.

The words of Shakespeare, Shelly, Churchill and other masters of the language ring clearly throughout the film.

"A River To The Sea" also features five minutes of scripture reading. "I used this in order to stress the impact the Bible has had on the development of the language," said Stevens.

### Prayer Prescription

BOSTON, Massachusetts — Prayer, taken twice daily, is good for such ailments as anxiety and high blood pressure, a medical professor says.

Dr. Herbert Benson of Harvard University said the prescription, "which has no bad side effects," restores the centuries-old medical practice of treating the patient as a total human being. (EBPS)



Flags of 60 nations tied in with the theme, "Go Tell Your Neighbor," for the State Youth Choral Festivals. Terry Kirkland was guest conductor; his choir was made up of representatives from 85 churches.

## Missions Is Theme Of Young Musicians' Choral Festival

Flags of 60 nations formed a colorful background for the State Youth Choral Festival at the MC Coliseum in Clinton on May 5. Music used for the choral groups was a collection of mission anthems titled, "Go Tell Your Neighbor," the same as the bold mission emphasis theme of the event.

Missionary speakers on program in the afternoon were Bob and Dolores Magee, missionaries to Colombia, and Danny Stampley, missionary to Ghana.

Ivan de Souza, Home Mission Board appointee who is director of the International Seamen's Mission in Mobile, Ala., entertained the young musicians on Saturday morning by singing in seven languages.

Terry Kirkland, editor, preschool

and children's music, Church Music Department, Sunday School Board, Nashville, was guest conductor.

Eighty-five churches were represented, 10 more than last year, according to Sarah Talley, children's music specialist, Church Music Department, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, who directed the festival.

The Youth II Handbell Choir of Oak Forest Church, Jackson, presented special music.

Accompanists were Mrs. Edith Ballard, Hinds Junior College faculty, organist, and Becky Payne, First Church, Jackson, pianist.

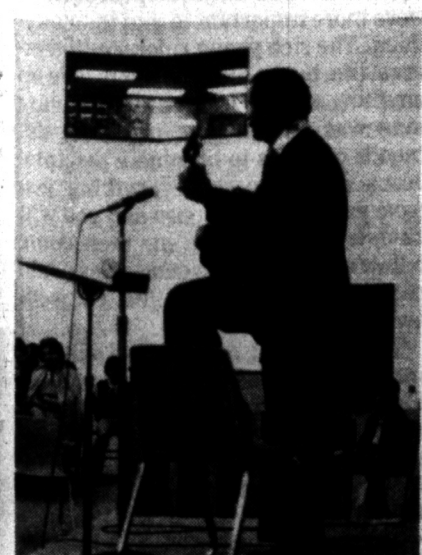
The Brotherhood Department of the Louisiana Baptist Convention Board and Dr. de Souza furnished the flags.



Soloists were Allen Hendrix, left, and Claire Johnson, center, both from First Church, Clinton. Terry Kirkland, right, was guest conductor.



Sarah Talley, left, directed the event; her husband, Jerry Talley, center, is minister of music at Oak Forest Church; Edith Ballard, right, was organist.



Ivan de Souza sang in seven languages, accompanying himself on the guitar.



## Mission Day Camp Offered At SBC

HOUSTON, Texas (BP) — More than 300 children, 6-11 years old, will learn about Christian missions in the outdoors, June 12-14, while their parents conduct the business of the Southern Baptist Convention at the Houston Summit.

The occasion is a three day mission day camp at Second Baptist Church sponsored by Texas Baptist Men and the Southern Baptist Brotherhood Commission.

The camp will open on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings prior to convention sessions and close at the end of the afternoon sessions on Tuesday and Thursday and the morning session on Wednesday, when no afternoon session is scheduled.

A registration fee of \$5.00 per day covers insurance, supplies, lunch (Tues. and Thurs.) and transportation between the Summit and the Second Baptist Church. Parents may register their children for the camp at the Day Camp Registration Booth in the lobby of the Summit, said Frank Black, mission day camp director.

## Locust Street Mothers Honor Gladys Oakes

On Mother's Day, May 13, Locust Street, McComb, recognized Mrs. Gladys Oakes, who has been called "Mother of Mothers" because of the number of years of her service in the church nursery.

The pastor, Thomas Wicker, said "Truly, many children who have been entrusted to her care may rise up to call her blessed. The guidance that she has started will have lasting results."

Mrs. Oakes was presented a plaque and a corsage by the mothers of Locust Street.

Mrs. Oakes' testimony bears witness that she was saved and baptized at the First Baptist Church, Summit, at ten years of age.

Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Whittington's daughter, Debra, born in 1953, was one of the first children she worked with at Locust Street.

During the early years of Locust Street, there were two adult classes, one for women and one for men, and no established nursery. As the church grew, another women's class was added. Mrs. John D. Forrest, elected to teach the class, needed someone to help with the baby. Gladys Oakes volunteered. From this beginning, Mrs. Oakes has worked with small children.

As the church grew, various classes were started, along with a nursery. Mrs. Oakes volunteered to be one of the nursery workers. Across the years, she has continued to work in the nursery.

After some years had gone by, Deacon Luther Brewer brought a motion before the church to pay Mrs. Oakes \$1.00 per hour for her nursery service, which the church agreed to do.

Jerry Bob Taylor of Dallas, director of Royal Ambassadors boys work for Texas Baptist Men and program director of the day camp, said missions will permeate every children's activity.

"We will play games and do crafts which are popular in foreign countries where Southern Baptists missionaries are serving," Taylor said. "Our program features will include home and foreign missionaries attending the convention," he added.

Taylor will be assisted by members of the Texas state Royal Ambassadors staff, Dallas and Houston Association Royal Ambassadors staffs, and Houston and Gulf Coast Association Ateen (girls ages 12-17) staff.

## Nevada Baptists Elect Editor

RENO, NEV. (BP) — Nevada journalist Vern A. Miller has been named the first editor of the Nevada Baptist,



newspaper for the new Nevada Area Baptist Convention which was officially formed in October 1978.

Miller, 60, retired from the Navy in 1958 and for the past 20 years has been editor and publisher of newspapers in northern Nevada. He most recently was city editor of the Fallon Eagle-Standard in Fallon, where he and his wife, Monnie, were the last two charter members of the First Southern Baptist Church.

The first issue of the Nevada Baptist was published in February. It is currently a monthly, distributed to members of 75 Southern Baptist churches and missions throughout Nevada and on the fringes of Idaho, Utah, and California. Plans are to increase publication to twice monthly by fall.

## Student Conference On Missions Will Be At Opryland

NASHVILLE — Students may now register for the Student Conference on World Missions, Dec. 27-31, in Nashville.

The conference, sponsored by National Student Ministries of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, will feature a global village, Bible studies, seminars, worship services, a commissioning service, concerts and fellowships.

The conference will be held at the Opryland Hotel and the Grand Ole Opry House, approximately 4,000 college and seminary students are expected to attend.

To receive a registration form and special accommodation rates write to: National Student Ministries, 127 Ninth Avenue, North, Nashville, Tenn. 37234.



## The Bible Book Study Series

### Demands Of Discipleship

By J. Roy McComb  
First, Columbia

Chapter 10 is occupied with Jesus' ministry east of the Jordan.

I. An Ancient Question: Divorce (19:1-12)

The question of divorce was a difficult matter for Moses. The question of divorce within the Christian church is a very serious matter today. The divorce rate is sky-rocketing. There are over one million divorces per year now.

The Pharisees came to Jesus to ask a question. Jesus was in the country over which Herod Antipas ruled. Herod had divorced his wife in order to marry his niece, the wife of his brother Herod Philip. The Pharisees sought to set Jesus against Herod and thus to create serious social and political problems for Jesus.

It needs to be pointed out that the question of the Pharisees does not seem to deal with whether or not divorce is possible. Even Jesus in Matthew's Gospel in the Sermon on the Mount as well as chapter 19 indicates that there are causes for divorce.

The question here is about unlimited right to divorce which was undermining morals in Judah as well as throughout the Roman Empire at that time.

In our presentday arguments about divorce we often miss the point. The point is not about divorce but the reasons for divorce. The Bible is rather narrow at that point. The Christian church cannot be Biblical and at the same time condone the laxity relative to divorce in our society today.

God's ideal, and thus the church's standard, is one man, one woman. God's plan as indicated in Genesis 2, is for marriage to be permanent. In order for marriages to be permanent there must be a great deal of thought invested before the marriage vows are taken. This is one of the major difficulties today. Marriages are entered into too hastily. Families, parents in particular, are too little involved in the choices of their sons and daughters. One great need in our society is for us to begin to do some preventive work. We need to teach young Christian men and women how to approach the ideal of marriage. We need to teach them as a church how to pray and select a mate.

The problem of divorce entered the Jewish faith because of the hardness of the heart of the people. Moses allowed what God had not intended. He allowed divorce for reasons other than unfaithfulness. This is a difficult question for us today. Many marriages are breaking up in which the reason is not unfaithfulness. What will the Christian community do about this? We certainly must love the persons divorced and minister to them. We must strive to teach that divorce for every reason is not God's plan.

II. The Children Are Blessed (10:13-14)

In the first century childhood was not only little regarded but ill regarded in the pagan world. It is significant that this story about the children follows immediately on the incident about divorce. In both stories Jesus was defending the family, in particular the weak members of the family. Two results of Christianity were a new concept of the status of women, and a new regard for children.

The parents brought their children to Jesus. This is what all parents should do. The disciples were somewhat distressed and sent the children away. Jesus talked about those who would enter the kingdom of God coming like little children.

It is not the childish who are eligible for the kingdom but the child-like. Child-likeness is a sense of helplessness. It is a sense of trust. It is a sense of total dependence.

III. Pitfalls In Wealth  
1. The Rich Young Ruler (10:17-22)

As Jesus moved away from the children a young man ran up to Him and fell on his knees before Him saying, "Good teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?"

What happened? Jesus had an insight into the young man's heart. He knew that his material possessions were more important to him than anything. The rich young ruler wanted eternal life, but he did not want to give up anything in order to have it. The young man was unwilling to meet the demands of Jesus to become a disciple. Jesus said, "Go sell everything you have and give to the poor and you will have treasure in heaven; then come follow me." The rich young ruler could not bring himself to do this. He went away sad.

The rich young ruler lacked only one thing. That one thing was child-likeness. He did not come humbly, trustfully, dependently. He went away sad. All who reject Christ go away sad.

2. Warnings About Riches (10:23-27)

After the departure of the rich young ruler, Jesus set about to warn His disciples about the pitfalls of riches. It needs to be said at this point that being wealthy is not a sin. It also needs to be said that it was not because the young

ruler was wealthy that he went away lost. It was because he put his wealth before God.

Jesus further shocked the disciples by using the illustration of the camel and the eye of a needle. To the Jews the camel was the largest native animal and the eye of a needle was the smallest opening. Jesus used this exaggerated type of statement to stress the difficulty of wealthy people entering the kingdom of God. This does not mean to say that the wealthy are not able to become Christians. Jesus pointed the truth out, "All things are possible with God." Anyone can come to God through Christ. In essence they must come as little children. Faith makes the impossible possible and the possible actual.

3. Questions Concerning Rewards (10:31-33)

Peter saw an opportunity to score a point with Jesus. This was characteristic of the pre-pentecostal Peter. He reminded the Lord that the disciples had left everything to follow Him. They had done exactly what the rich young ruler had declined to do. Jesus talked to Peter about rewards. Jesus said, "One who is willing to make the sacrifices for my sake will not be forgotten in this age nor the age to come." God is in the business of seeing that His children have their needs met. Those who think they will receive the greatest reward and are first in the kingdom may well be surprised by not receiving the greatest reward, and even being last.

IV. Death and Resurrection (10:32-34)

Jesus made the third clear prediction of His coming death and resurrection. He and His disciples were on their way to Jerusalem. As they walked along following Him they were astonished, and the crowd following behind the disciples were afraid. A majesty and purposefulness about the Lord's manner as He strolled along produced awe in all who saw Him. Something must have overtaken Jesus as He set His face toward Jerusalem. It was evident to all that something magnificent and matchless was in the future. The reality of it was already all over Jesus. He was going to Jerusalem to die, and then be resurrected. He explained clearly to His disciples what would happen in Jerusalem. Jesus could have escaped death if He had wanted to. Then why did He not want to? You know why. He loved the world so much that He gave himself.

V. Jesus' Standard of Greatness (10:35-45)

The disciples had failed to comprehend what Jesus had said to them. He had talked about the cross. They were talking about their glory. He had spoken about suffering but they were speaking about ruling and reigning over others. He was talking about what must happen to Him and they were thinking about what they wanted for themselves.

The concept of greatness in the world is diametrically opposite the teachings of Jesus on greatness. Jesus teaches that the one who serves others is the greatest.

## Ashcraft Sets Retirement Date

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (BP) — Charles H. Ashcraft, executive secretary of the Arkansas Baptist Convention since 1969, has announced his early retirement effective April 30, 1980.

Ashcraft, 62, said in making the announcement that he wants to become more personally involved in Bold Mission Thrust, the Southern Baptist goal to give everyone in the world a chance to hear the gospel of Jesus by the year 2000.

He plans to help train Mexican clergymen at the International Bible Institute in El Paso.

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## Robbers Only Get \$50 In Nicaragua Holdup

MANAGUA, Nicaragua — Two armed youths identifying themselves as representatives of a guerrilla movement robbed the Baptist Culture Center here.

About \$50 was taken in the holdup; the previous day's sales from the center's bookstore had been deposited and sales for that day were low.

The robber asked for the center director, Southern Baptist missionary Stanley D. Stamps, presumably to demand a vehicle, but Stamps was out of the office at the time. Southern Baptist

missionary journeymen Steve and Paula Baumgardner also had left the center.

Sales of Bibles and books have suffered a sharp decline at the bookstore in the last two months because of the economic crisis provoked by sudden devaluation of the national currency. Spiraling inflation, rising prices and increased unemployment have moved books and literature to a low priority in the average Nicaraguan's budget, according to Stamps, a Mississippian.

## Blankets, Milk, Tools Go To African Refugees

BUKOB, Tanzania (BP) — Refugees from the Tanzanian border area invaded last fall by soldiers of former Uganda President Idi Amin have received blankets, milk, and farming tools from Southern Baptist missionaries in this East African country.

While Southern Baptist missionaries were distributing aid to the \$2,000 refugees in the Bukoba area, Tanzanian Baptists at Arusha Baptist Church gave \$3,000 to help build churches in the area.

The amount, coming from this church in one of Tanzania's chief cities, is the largest ever given by a Baptist church in East Africa to build mission churches in a new mission area, says Molly (Mrs. James L.) Houser, Southern Baptist missionary in Mwanza.

With \$24,000 from the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board's hunger and disaster relief funds, missionary David H. Whitson, a Bankston, Ala., native, and missionary journeyman Ricky B. Owen, from Lubbock, Texas, purchased 300 blankets and 50 cartons of milk for small children of refugees

and supplied hand farming tools to all 9,000 refugee families in the area south of Lake Victoria.

Washington — The Baptist World Alliance has sent \$5,000 to Liberia for the feeding of people displayed by recent unrest there.



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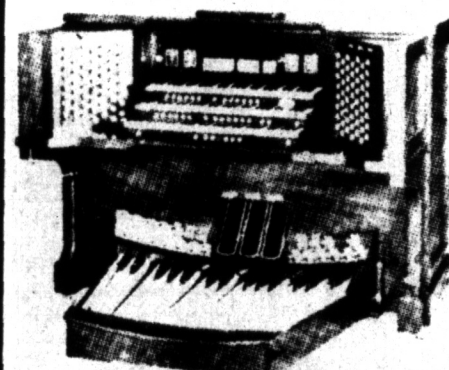
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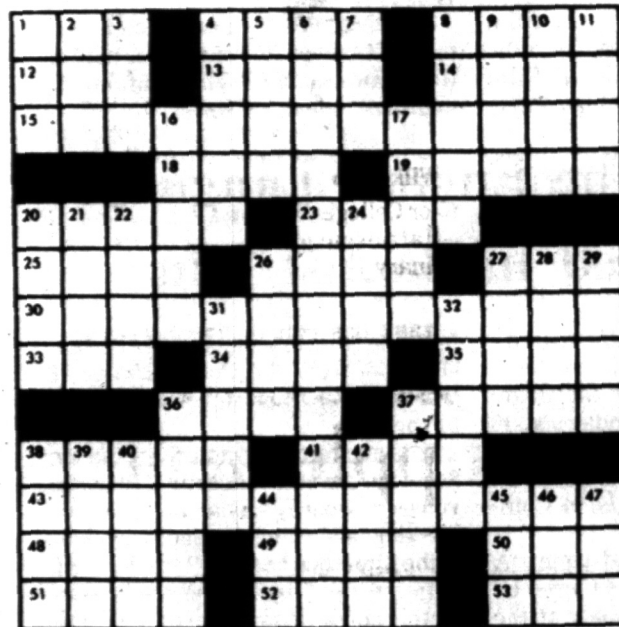
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- Judas had it (John 12:6)
- Kind of drum: Anat.
- Before
- Surfeits
- Gulf of —
- "Then verily the —" (Heb. 9)
- Nigerian city
- "For which — sake" (Acts 28)
- High notes
- "beware — ye also" (2 Pet. 3)
- "those I counted — for Christ" (Phil. 3)
- Golden (Rev. 8:3)
- Malignant bitterness
- Place (Judg. 15:14)
- Newspaper paragraph
- Cut
- Very large
- Road sign
- City (1 Chron. 18:8)
- A this place
- Biblical verbs
- Divide
- Inanimate object
- Euphrates (Gen. 15)
- Methods
- Actual being
- Merry song
- Medicinal plant
- Grass: Her.
- Girl's name
- Brave in Madrid
- "It was impossible for God to —" (Heb. 6)
- Alcoholic's problem: abbr.

### ACROSS

- Insect (Isa. 7:18)
- "bring him — unto Felix" (Acts 23)
- Cast into the lake (Rev. 20:14)
- Swiss river
- Barren
- Table spread
- "we have been in a —" (Ezra 9)
- Meadows
- Ants, sometimes
- Covers with strips of cloth
- Here present
- Sicilian volcano
- Dock an animal's tail
- Tea

- "and as being —" (1 Pet. 3)
- Mischievous child
- Follow after (1 Tim. 6:11)
- "if any man will — them" (Rev. 11)
- Grapes are (Rev. 14:18)
- Explosive charges
- Kind of acid
- Gas
- Corruptible things (1 Pet. 1:18)
- Black hawk
- Before in time: prefix
- Liter: abbr.

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(Answers on p. 7)